

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay. The examiner has indicated that the case contains allowable subject matter.

This amendment makes minor changes to the claims, namely:

1. Corrects "stress" to "strain" in claims 5 and 10.
2. Corrects the dependencies of claims 20 and 21.
3. Reinserts mistakenly canceled claims 23, 32, 33, 37, and 54 as claims 99, 100, 101, 102, and 103.

These are trivial changes and are enterable after final action.

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